

Kensington, NH



Community Contact

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Municipal Office Hours

**Administration, Assessor: Monday through Thursday,
8:30 am - 1:30 pm; Town Clerk: Monday, 9 am - 12 noon,
Tuesday, 12 noon - 6 pm, Thursday, 11:30 am - 6 pm ; Tax
Collector: Monday, Thursday, 9 am - 12 noon, Wednesday,
9 am - 12 noon, 6:30 pm - 8 pm**

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

**Rockingham
Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NH NECTA Division
Seacoast
Rockingham
Coastal Economic Development Corp.**

Election Districts
US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

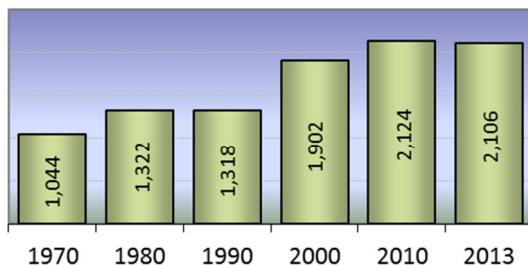
**District 1
District 3
District 24
Rockingham County Districts 16, 35**

Incorporated: 1737

Origin: This town was once a parish of Hampton, and was incorporated in 1737 by Governor Jonathan Belcher of Massachusetts when New Hampshire was still part of that province. Of the 27 towns granted by Governor Belcher, only three were given names: Arlington, Peterborough, and Kensington, which was named for Edward Rich, Earl of Holland and Baron Kensington. England's Kensington, now a suburb of London, is the location of Kensington Palace, known for its beautiful public gardens. The palace was the birthplace of Queen Victoria, and the London home of Diana, Princess of Wales.

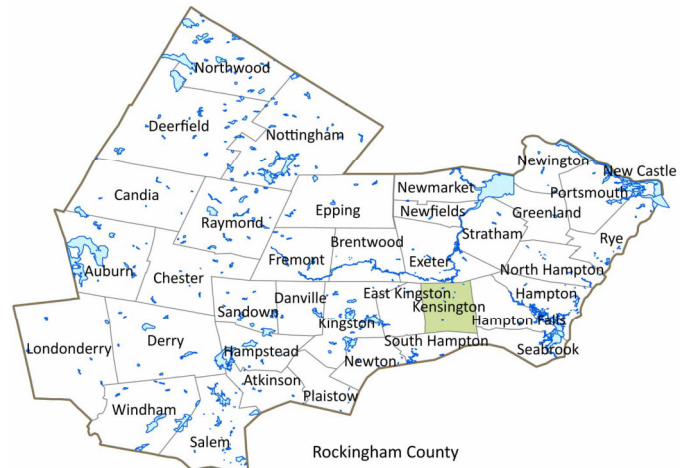
Villages and Place Names: Austin Corners, Brick School Corner, Eastman Corners, Five Corners, Lamprey Corners, Prescott Corner

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 800 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Kensington was 1,398 over 53 years, from 708 in 1960 to 2,106 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was a 47 percent increase between 1960 and 1970; the second largest was a 44 percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2013 Census estimate for Kensington was 2,106 residents, which ranked 136th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 175.8 persons per square mile of land area. Kensington contains 12.0 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014-2015		\$1,690,721	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014-2015		\$6,242,802	
Zoning Ordinance		1959/10	
Master Plan		2011	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Commission	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Checklist; Trust Funds; Cemetery; Grange Hall; Town Clerk; Tax Collector		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Recreation; Sawyer/Kensington Trust; Building Safety		
Public Library	Kensington Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Exeter Hospital, Exeter		4 miles	99
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Unitil	
Natural Gas Supplier		Unitil	
Water Supplier		Private wells	
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Municipal	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company		Fairpoint; Comcast	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$24.55	
2013 Equalization Ratio		98.8	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$24.14	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		93.7%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		2.8%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.5%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		857	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		824	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		8	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		25	

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2013	2,106	297,728
2010	2,124	295,223
2000	1,902	278,748
1990	1,318	246,744
1980	1,332	190,345
1970	1,044	138,951
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013		
Population by Gender		
Male	1,099	Female 1,007
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		71
Age 5 to 19		474
Age 20 to 34		202
Age 35 to 54		707
Age 55 to 64		393
Age 65 and over		259
Median Age		45.6 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		96.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher		39.4%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2009-2013)		
Per capita income		\$49,435
Median family income		\$112,500
Median household income		\$96,964
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$71,125
Female		\$49,821
Individuals below the poverty level		2.0%
LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2003	2013
Civilian labor force	1,089	1,201
Employed	1,038	1,137
Unemployed	51	64
Unemployment rate	4.7%	5.3%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003	2013
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	80	35
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 673	\$ 697
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	166	213
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 941	\$ 798
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	246	248
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 854	\$ 784
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	60	64
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 423	\$ 681
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	306	311
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 770	\$ 763

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Kensington operates grades K-5; grades 6-12 are part of Exeter Region Cooperative (Brentwood, East Kingston, Kensington, Newfields, Stratham, Exeter)			District: SAU 16
Career Technology Center(s):	Seacoast School of Technology, Exeter			Region: 18
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-5			
Total Enrollment	135			
Nearest Community College: Great Bay				
Nearest Colleges or Universities: University of NH				
2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)		Total Facilities: 1	Total Capacity: 20	

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Exeter & Hampton Electric	Electric utility services	40	
James R. Rosencrantz & Son	Farm, garden equipment		
CP Building Supply, Inc.	Building supplies & equipment		

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	84, 150
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exit 1
	Distance	5 miles
Railroad		Yes
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Hampton Airfield	Runway	2,100 ft. turf
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	36 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		34 miles
Portland, Maine		70 miles
Boston, Mass.		46 miles
New York City, NY		259 miles
Montreal, Quebec		289 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2009-2013*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	87.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	9.0%
Public transportation	0.7%
Walked	0.7%
Other means	0.6%
Worked at home	1.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work	29.1 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

Working in community of residence	15.1
Commuting to another NH community	81.5
Commuting out-of-state	3.4

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: